



Manual Classification Changes Coming to the Transportation Industry

Manual Classification changes are coming which will impact workers' compensation premiums for Transportation related businesses. Following a review, the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) is combining the current Short Haul (7228) and Long Haul (7229) manual classifications into one class Trucking (7219), as well as, establishing a new national code for Automobile Towing & Drivers (7225).

The changes will take effect for the July 1, 2017 rate year and was reflected in the BWC's Notice of Estimated Premium that was mailed to Ohio employers in May of 2017.

CareWorksComp has evaluated these changes, as they relate to Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation premiums, and we anticipate that businesses currently using Local Hauling (7228) will see their base rates decrease by 4.8% and those using Long Haul (7229) will see their base rates increase by 13.4%.

NCCI states that "Combining short-haul and long-haul trucking operations under newly defined Code 7219 will create uniformity in the trucking industry from a classification perspective". Additionally, NCCI states that "research has determined that using distance travelled as a classification distinction for trucking does not show significant difference in hazards between Codes 7228 and 7229".

As always, CareWorksComp is here to assist all of our clients who are affected by these changes. Please feel free to contact your CareWorksComp Account Manager with any questions related to these changes at (800) 837-3200.